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SUBJ: DRUG RELATED DEATHS ON INCREASE IN FRG

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE "GENERAL ANZEIGER" ON AUGUST 6, 1976, ENTITLED "BRUTAL STRUGGLE FOR THE DRUG MARKET" SHEDS SOME LIGHT ON THE CURRENT DRUG SITUATION IN THE FRG. BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

IMMENSE AMOUNTS OF HEROIN ARE BEING OFFERED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN AT THE MOMENT AND THE STRUGGLE AMONG DEALER SYNDICATES HAS LED TO A BRUTALIZATION AND FURTHER CRIMINALIZATION OF OF THE DRUG SCENE.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY STATE SECRETARY DR. WOLTERS OF THE MINISTRY FOR YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH IN REPLY TO A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY POSED BY PARLIAMENT MEMBER FUCHS (CSU). FUCHS HAD ASKED IF THE FRG WAS CURRENTLY BEING HIT BY A DRUG WAVE AND IF IT WERE CORRECT THAT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR DRUG FATALITIES AMOUNTED TO 189, WHICH WAS MORE THAN THE TOTAL FOR ALL OF 1975. WOLTERS EXPLAINED THAT THE LARGE SUPPLY IN THE FRG HAS ALLOWED DRUG DEALERS TO OFFER HEROIN IN A PURER QUALITY AT A COMPARATIVELY UNCLASSIFIED

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LOW PRICE, AS OPPOSED TO OFFERING A LOWER QUALITY OF

BLENDED HEROIN AS IN THE PAST.

THIS LED TO AN INCREASE OF HEROIN ADDICTS OUT OF THE "HARD KERNEL" OF OTHER DRUG ADDICTS WHOSE NUMBER HAS BEEN STEADY FOR QUITE A WHILE. BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER PURITY OF THE HEROIN THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES HAS RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY. ACCORDING TO WOLTERS THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL POLICE REPORTED 97 FATALITIES FROM DRUG ABUSE IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1976. END INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

2. SIMILAR ACCOUNTS OF THIS COLLOQUY APPEARED IN OTHER GERMAN NEWSPAPERS, NOTABLY THE AUGUST 6, 1976, EDITION OF THE "RHEINISCHE POST".

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